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concern for his calamities, and felt very much distressed
for him and his people: and promised that I would see the
chiefs on the west side, and use my influence with them
to bring about a reconciliation between them. He observed
they were too powerful for him, as their friends in the Bay of
Islands furnished them with arms and ammunition, that
he was not able to meet them; and that he believed it was
their determination to dispossess him of his Land, and to
drive him away altogether, and he thought nothing short
of this would satisfy them. While we were conversing upon
these subjects Mr. Anderson arrived in the Launch when Tipp-
ookee and I got into her, and we proceeded up to the next
village which belonged to another chief Towreka. Mr.
Anderson anchored the Launch opposite the Village and we
all went on shore for the night. Towreka I had also known
before: and he gave us a very cordial reception - These are
the two principal chiefs on the fresh water river; both of
them very tall fine handsome men - The following morning June 16
we proceeded up the River in the Launch with a fair wind
and Tide: the two chiefs accompanied us, and about 50
of their people in canoes - Mr. Burns Surgeon of The
Corromandel the Carpenter and the Captains Clerk were
also of the Party. We had a very fine day, and arrived in the
Evening at a Settlement called Rowpah situated at the
junction of the two fresh water rivers, whose united streams
form the Thames. - On a point of high Land where the two
streams meet, and by which it is nearly surrounded stands
the Kippah of the Head Chief or Areeke as the natives call
him. The Kippah was very full of People who welcomed us
on shore with loud acclamations. And conducted us
to the Areeke who was seated in the midst of his
Family. He was an old man apparently not far from
70 years of age, well made and of great muscular
strength. His mother was still alive with three generations
by her. The native houses here were much larger, and
better built, than any I had seen in New Zealand. The
Areeke appropriated one for us - which accommodated
us with lodgings, and about 50 natives who had attended
the Launch up the River. 17th This day being the Sabbath June 17
we rested in the Kippah and I spent part of it in conversing
with the Natives upon the works of Creation, and the
institution of the Christian Sabbath. Temwaranga acting
as my interpreter upon all occasions when I could not
make myself understood. This settlement would be an